

## *Obituaries*

Jan. 28, 2015

### *Michael "Mike" Barton, 64*

Michael "Mike" Barton, 64, Watertown, SD, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, in Sioux Falls, SD, after a short illness.

A memorial visitation was held Monday, Jan. 26, 2015, at the Crawford Funeral Chapel, Watertown, with a time for family sharing.

Michael James Barton was born March 9, 1950 at Faulkton, SD, to Milo and Laverne (Lerew) Barton. He attended schools in the Aberdeen area and graduated from Frederick High School in 1968. After high school, he attended Northern State College, Aberdeen, SD, and was a member of the South Dakota Army National Guard. He worked for many years in the Aberdeen area, as a machinist and was also a dairy farmer.

Mike married Jolene Olson and they were blessed with two sons, Chad and Zachary. In later years, he lived and worked in the Watertown area.

He will be remembered as a dedicated and loving son, father, brother and grandfather; and for his passion, humor and intelligence. He was a hard-working man in all his endeavors.

Mike is survived by his two sons, Chad (Tashia) Barton, Watertown, and Zachary (Stephanie) Townsend, Conde; five grandchildren, Dustin (Chantal), Gage, CJ, Trey and Madison; two great-grandchildren, Aubrie and Easton; his mother, Laverne, Ellendale, ND; two brothers, Stuart (Janet) Barton, Aberdeen, and Brent (Jo Beth) Barton, Mobridge; three sisters, Denise (Doug) Miller, Nemo; Valerie Barton and her husband, Donald Leach, Heathsville, Va., and Karman Furman, Ellendale, ND; and a very large extended family of uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and grand nieces/nephews, and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Milo; and one brother-in-law, Russell Furman.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike's grandchildren, great-grandchildren and Scott Anderson, Buck Fjerstad, Joe Benthin and Doug Rislov.

